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1. Representatives of the Communist Organizations of Athens and Piraeus (KOA-KOP) are alleged to have met in a joint session on 17 April 1950 under the chairmanship of a Politburo representative. The following points of Party line were discussed:
 - a. Capitalism, under the leadership of American imperialism, is imposing a series of anti-popular measures on the peoples of Western Europe in order to recover from the internal economic crisis it is undergoing as a result of vast armament programs. The unconquerable Soviet Union, the ever-alert guardian of the rights of the people, has shown by the recent airplane crash that she is prepared to mete out even more severe punishment to the Americans.
 - b. The approach by the Secretary of the United Nations to the Eastern Bloc was done actually at the command of Truman who is trying in that manner to cover up the concessions he must make.
 - c. With regard to the Greek Government crisis, the Americans, seeing their failure to exploit their military victory in the political field, and desirous of a strong front in the Balkans against the People's Democracies, persuaded the Palace clique to accept the Plastiras solution in the hope that the following would be achieved:
 - (1) The people's struggle would be emasculated by certain pseudo-democratic measures such as partial and pseudo-amnesty.
 - (2) Marshall Plan aid would be directed into channels that would be of most benefit to the future military plans of the Americans.
 - (3) Political relations with Tito would be improved to such an extent that he would be strengthened and that Albania would at the same time be cut off from the People's Democracies.
2. The following points concerning Party organization were also stressed at this meeting:
 - a. Recruitment of Party members had to continue to proceed along the

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most conspiratorial lines to prevent agents of Security from penetrating the Party.

- b. The Sofianopoulos and Left Liberal movement had to be strengthened with great attention being given to keeping known or suspect Party members from occupying or attempting to occupy official positions in it. Known Party members would not be accepted by Sofianopoulos.
- c. No factory or city block should be without its three-man Party committee or without regular delivery of the Party press.
- d. Party members who signed declarations of denunciation were still to be used as widely as possible in the labor movement and, in general, in the economic struggle, without, however, being given Party duties as such.

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